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For Women and Children—Thousands of
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The Best Handkerchiefs for the Money the World Markets Produce

Women's Pure Linen and Shamrock Lawn Handkerchiefs; one corner hand and machine embroidered; in plain white or dainty colors, 15c each.

Women's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, in solid colors, or with colored figures; thousands of these at 15c each.

Women's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs; a high grade article in exclusive designs, 25c each.

Women's Handkerchiefs, of excellent quality pure linen; hand-embroidered, 25c each.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with hand-embroidered initials, 25c each.

Women's Pure Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, in boxes of 6 for \$1.00.

Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs; one corner embroidered; put up in attractive gift boxes; 3 to a box, for 50c; boxes of 6 for \$1.

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White Lawn Initialed Handkerchiefs—a box of 3 for 15c.

"Mother Goose" Handkerchiefs, with colored figures and Mother Goose Rhymes—a box of 3 for 15c.

Pure Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs—a box of 3 for 25c.

"Boy Scout" Handkerchiefs, with Boy Scout figures in colors—a box of 3 for 25c.

Children's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, with figures in colors—a box of 3 for 25c.

First Floor.



HARRISON TO SPEAK ON WAR RELIEF WORK

Author of "Quebec" Will Tell of Experiences on French War Front at Jefferson Auditorium To-Night.

Henry Sydney Harrison, the noted novelist and a former editorial writer for The Times-Dispatch, will, in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel to-night, make an especial appeal for the co-ordination of all work designed to relieve the war sufferers in Europe.

Mr. Harrison has been active service as an ambulance driver in the war zone in Northern France, and has much to tell of the conditions of the war zone, of the suffering of the soldiers and of the children orphaned by the war. Effort will be made at the meeting to-night to form a permanent organization to supply the relief of the war zone.

The committee for the relief of the war zone, which has its headquarters in New York City, is now accepting contributions of money or supplies across the front, and can have packages delivered either directly to the men in the trenches or to families in their homes or to relief organizations which have the work in charge in Europe.

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BRIDGE TOLL SUIT COMES UP TO-DAY

City Seeks to Charge Street Car Company \$10,000 a Year for Use of Mayo's Bridge.

Scheduled for trial in the Law and Equity Court to-day is the suit of the city of Richmond against the Virginia Railway and Power Company for the adjustment of the rental that the city may collect from the company for the use of the new Mayo Bridge.

The Administrative Board has fixed a rental of \$10,000 a year, which the company has declined to pay, claiming that the bridge is part of the city's street system and that for this reason the city cannot impose a special charge for its use. The company, it is understood, is willing to reimburse the city for the cost of the tracks, an outlay of about \$15,000.

The City Attorney claims that the charter gives the city of Richmond the right to construct and maintain bridges over the James River and to charge and collect compensation for their use. The charter provides that such bridges shall be free to the public but allows the city to require compensation from transmission or transportation companies.

For the use of the Free Bridge, the Virginia Railway and Power Company now pays an annual rental of \$1,000. The Mayo Land and Bridge Company, owners of the old Mayo Bridge, collected for the use of the structure, a specified toll based upon the number of passengers transported across the bridge in the company's cars.

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MISS CORALIE JOHNSTON SUCCEEDS MRS. MINOR

Chosen From Large Field of Candidates for Office of Reference Librarian at State Library.

Following a session that began at 8 o'clock last night in the office of State Librarian Henry R. McIlwaine and continued until 11:45, the board of directors of the Virginia State Library, selected from the large field of candidates Miss Coralie Johnston, of Richmond, to succeed Mrs. Kate P. Minor, as reference librarian. The position pays a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Many of the avowed candidates evidently abandoned the field before the board met, for only eighteen applications were filed with the librarian for the consideration of the library directors.

Chairman Armistead C. Gordon of Staunton, presided at the meeting, and all the members of the board were present. Leon G. Tyler, who was recently appointed to succeed Theodore S. Garnett, was presented to the members by Chairman Gordon at the opening of the session. Other members present were Edmund Fendleton, of Richmond; R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Charlottesville; and Robert G. Leitch, Jr., Richmond.

Dr. McIlwaine submitted his annual report, which was read and discussed at some length. It will be forwarded to Governor Stuart within a few days.

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SANTA CLAUS TO SEND OUT 21,675 CHRISTMAS CHECKS

Thrift Clubs Will Divide Big Sum of \$433,500 From Six Local Banks.

CHECKS AVERAGE \$20 EACH

Many Wage-Earners Who Have Put By Small Sums Throughout Year Will Have Money to Spend During Holidays.

Testifying to the remarkable increase of thrift among the wage-earners of the city, checks representing the savings during the year in the Christmas savings clubs, which are conducted by six local banking institutions, and aggregating \$433,500, will be mailed out by the banks in the next few days, in time for use before the Christmas holidays. The payment this year shows a large increase over preceding years since the plan has been in operation.

Local banks will mail out checks between December 10 and 15 to approximately 21,675 depositors as follows:

American National Bank.....\$150,000
Broadway National Bank..... 50,000
Church Hill Bank..... 22,000
Manchester National Bank..... 22,000
Richmond Bank and Trust Co., 150,000
West End Bank..... 17,000

The payments made by the banks to these depositors closely rival the dividend payments that the institutions will make a few days later to the more fortunate of the city from the earnings during the current year.

21,675 DEPOSITORS WILL

AVERAGE \$20 CHECKS EACH

The 21,675 depositors in the Christmas savings clubs will receive an average of \$20 each, but the plan is operated in such a way that the amounts will vary from \$12.50 to \$50 for the amount saved during the year, depending on the weekly payments to which the regular banking rate of interest has been added.

These depositors represent almost entirely wage-earners of the city. These savings in many instances were less than a dollar a week, and have now grown into substantial sums. A large percentage of this money will, naturally, be expended during the holiday season. Many, however, will add to this already snug little sum, which will grow larger as the year 1916 progresses.

Local business conditions have shown much improvement during the past year. The shops and factories of the city are all working, while some are seeking more employees than ever before, with factories running night and day. Without this improvement these savings would not have been possible.

The Christmas savings clubs were inaugurated in Richmond three years ago, only one banking institution operating the plan that year. Last year other banks added this feature to their regular business, while 1915 saw still others putting the plan in operation. Institutions that during the coming year still other banks will feature this method of saving.

In addition to the savings clubs, a number of local banking institutions have added a system for saving in small amounts, known as "penny banks," which are subject to check at any time. These banks will not mail out checks for the balances on hand during this month, but the accounts may be withdrawn at any time.

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BROAD STREET WANTS POLICE PROTECTION

Merchants Object to Removal of Second Station to Old Sidney School.

POLICEMEN MAKING REPAIRS

While Board Is Urging City to Increase Number of Men to Patrol Streets, It Is Said to Be Assigning Officers to Carpenter Work.

Protests against the establishment of a temporary police station for the Second District at Sycamore and Cary Streets are increasing, and it is stated on good authority that Broad Street merchants are even now engaged in preparing and signing a petition against the removal into the far West End.

This petition, it is said, will set forth the fact that the men kept on reserve in the station will have twice as far to go to answer calls as they now have, and that the most important territory which the police have to cover in the Second District lies east of Smith Street. The present police station is at Smith and Marshall Streets, which is on the 600 block west, and 50 per cent of the police calls it is stated, come from the territory lying east of Smith Street.

NEW TEMPORARY STATION

FAIR IN WEST END

The new station, which it is proposed to establish at Sycamore and Cary Streets, is nearly a mile and a half from the present headquarters of the western police section of the city, and is in a territory purely residential, and to which the police are rarely called.

The Broad Street merchants, who are asking that the new temporary station be located nearer to the central part of the city, will point out that several robberies have lately been committed on Broad Street, and that the past history of the department will show it is more necessary to have this thoroughfare patrolled and in constant and immediate connection with the regular police force than is any part of the West End.

The petitioning merchants will attempt to show that Broad Street has suffered greater and more frequent depredations than any other street, and that there have been few arrests and convictions. The department has maintained a special squad for other purposes, while the uniformed men on Broad Street, it is alleged, working at night, have been young and inexperienced.

POLICEMEN AT WORK

ON ALTERING BUILDING

It was also stated last night that complaint might be made that policemen are being used to do the work necessary to convert the old schoolhouse at Sycamore and Cary Streets into a police station. The Police Department has made frequent requests of the City Council for an increase in the number of men, but which it has been found necessary to employ men for work about the stations, or to do any other work for the department men it is said, have been taken from their posts on the streets and have been employed for these other purposes.

The petition of the Broad Street merchants will be handed into the Board of Police Commissioners within a short time.

Use of the schoolhouse at Sycamore and Cary Streets was given to the Police Department free of cost, pending the erection of a new police station at the present location.

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